

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Office action mailed June 7, 2006. Reexamination and reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-35 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 23, and 33 being the independent claims. Claim 34 has been amended, and Claims 33-35 have been withdrawn. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 34 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly depending on apparatus claim 25. Claim 34 has been amended to now depend from claim 33, which is a method claim. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner alleges that two distinct inventions have been identified as follows:

Specie I - Claims 1-32, and 34-35; and

Specie II - Claim 33.

As mentioned above, claims 34 and 35 now depend from claim 33, and thus, should also be considered as part of specie II.

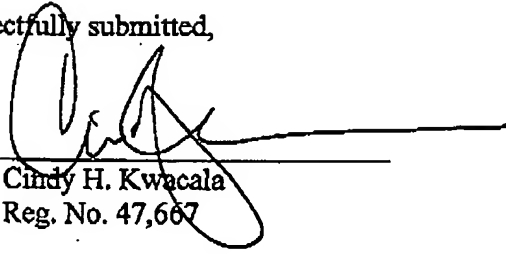
Applicants, through their representatives and attorneys, hereby elect Specie I (e.g., Claims 1-32) without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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